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#### BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-27-58

Call letters WADA

Station Location: Shelby, North Carolina

CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC. (AL-11-12-58 EFF: 12-1-58
Name of licensee IEUGENE SLATKIN & BOYCE J.HANNA, d/b as CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

2.5 mi. N of business district, chelby, N.C. (lic. 3-23-67) x 2 mi. N. of business area of Shelby, North Carolina (BP 2-27-64)

(Ltr.4-24-61)

x State Hwy. 226,0.3 mi. north of intersection with Ora Mill Road, Shelby, N.C./
x State Hwy 26,0.3 mi north of intersection with Ora Mill Rd. Shelby, N.C.

Transmitter location x On Hwy. 26, 1 mile north of intersection of Hwys. 26 & 74 (CP 2-12-53)

Same as transmitter XSame as trans. (IMP 5-28-58 L 8-27-58)

## CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

|        | Appl.          | Date   |  |  | Time   | Period                         |
|--------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
|        | No.            | Issued   | Freq.  | Power  | Div.   | From- To-                      |
| B      | P-11062        | 2-12-58  | 1390kc   | 500w-D/  | Day  | 4-12 10-12-58                  |
|        |                |  |  |  |  | ation. (cond'1)                |
|        | ED 0146        | 5-28-58  | Wed a  | ep/pp 1  | 7 0621 -   | ich authorized                 |
| Milita | IP-8146<br>(1) | 0-20-00  | THE R. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH.  |  |  | station) to                    |
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| r      | BL-7161        | 8-27-58  |  | and the sales and the sales  | PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF   | 8-27 12-1-60                   |
|        |                | License  | O COVET  | CP (BP-1   | 1,062 as   | od) which                      |
| L      |                | authoriz   | d a new  | standard   | broadcast  | station.                       |
|        | BAL-3203       |  |  |  | nment of 1   |                                |
| 8      | EFF:           | 12-1-58  | Clevela  | d County   | Broadcast  | ing Co., Inc.                  |
|        |                | 11-30-60   | Commiss  | ion defe   | rred action  | on renewal                     |
|        |                |  | pending  | further  | cond den   | tion.                          |
|        | 669ر - ناد     | 1-18-61  | 1390kc   | 500w-D   |  | -18 12-1-63                    |
|        | BP-13530       | 3-15-61  |  |  |  | 5-15 11-15-61                  |
|        |                |  | ange from  | DA-D to  | non-direct   | tional antenna                 |
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|        |                | 9 2-27-64  | Name and Address of the Owner, where the Owner, which the | 500w.1kw   | STREET, SQUARE, SQUARE | 27 10-27-64                    |
|        |                | 1  | 133000   | DA-N   | -  | 2/ 10-2/-04                    |
|        |                | CP to cha  | nge hours  | of opera   | tion to Un   | limited using                  |
|        |                | power of   | 500w-1kw;  | change a   | intenna-tira   | ns. loc. and                   |
|        |                | (DA-N) an  | d install  | new treet  | ional ante   | A 1MX) Cond'1.                 |
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|        | NP_1120        | 10-20-64   | 1390ke   | 500w.11  | -13 Un 4.  | -27 11-27-64                   |
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|        |                |  | er locati  | on from 2  | mile N. of   | business,                      |
|        |                |  |  |  | mi. N. of  | business                       |
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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee See Card #1.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

| Appl.       | Date                                    |          |           | Time             | Period                        |
|-------------|---|----------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| No.         | Issued                                  | Freq.    | Power     | Div.             | From- To-                     |
|             | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | B. Lake  |           |                  | NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.        |
| BMP-11473   | 5-13-65                                 | 1390ke   | 500w. 1kw | DA-N U           | 4-27 8-27-65                  |
|             | Mod. of                                 |          |           |                  |                               |
|             |   |          |           |                  | rt move on                    |
|             | same site                               |          |           |                  |                               |
| HF-11,003   |   |          |           | 15,269, 6        | s mod.) for                   |
|             |   |          |           | rletion          |                               |
|             |   | 2-27-6   |           |                  |                               |
| BMP-11,714  | 3-15-66                                 | Mod. of  | CP(BP-I   | 5,269, as        | mod.) for                     |
| 866 (2)     |   |          |           |                  | 0 4-30-66                     |
| BMP-11.769  | 5-18-66                                 | Mod, of  | CP(BP-1   | 5,269, as        | mod.) for                     |
| (3)         |   |          |           |                  | to 6-30-66                    |
| BMP-11,820  | 6-30-66                                 | Mod. o   | CP(BP-    | 5,269 as         | mod.) for ext                 |
| (4)         |   |          |           | ate to           | 9-30-66                       |
| Ltr.        | 10-3-66                                 | Auth. o  | per. ant. | current          | 3.0 amps for                  |
| 500w Non-D  | A oper. fro                             | a 4am to | local s   | unrise, p        | ending final                  |
| decision D  | _                                       | or_dire  | ected to  | terminate        | per_73.87.                    |
| BR-3669_    | 11-18-66                                | - REN    | EWAL_OF L | ICENSE _         | 12-1 12-1-69                  |
| BL-11,457   | 3-23-07                                 | 114c to  | DOVER CE  | KRP-15.26        | 3-23 12-1-69<br>as mor) which |
|             |   |          |           |                  | ion, chg. and                 |
|             |   |          |           |                  | all DA ant.                   |
|             |   | sys. i   | nstall ne | trans.           |                               |
| TELEGRAM    | 10-17-67                                |          |           |                  |                               |
| TELEGRAM    | 12-12-67                                |          | EVISED) 1 |                  |                               |
| ES-3669(1   | 7 5-28-69                               | Memo c   | rg. value | 23 moni          | or point.                     |
| BR - 2669(1 | L) 6-19-70                              | Renewa   | 1 and Mod | ification        | 12-1-72                       |
| EBSA        | 5-22-72                                 |          |           | SECTION 2 STREET |                               |
| RP_7669     |   |          |           |                  |                               |
| BZ-8955(1   | L) 12-16-7                              | RENEWA   | L and MOD | FICATION         | 12-1-78                       |
| COMTEL      | 10-6-76                                 | DELETE   | Obstruct  | ion Markin       | g & Lighting                  |
|             |   | -        |           | RMS COMTEL       |                               |
| COMTEL      | 3-27-80                                 |          | DED THRU  |                  | 5-18-80                       |
|             |   |          |           |                  |                               |
|             |   |          |           |                  |                               |
|             |   |          |           |                  |                               |
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FORM BC-121

### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Aug. 1955

Boyce J. Hanna

Call

Letters - W.A.D.A.

Eugene Slatkin and Charles E. Melin, d/b as Name

CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

(P.O. - Eugene Slatkin, Box 248, Lincolnton, North Carolina)

| File No.           | Dated    | Application for   |
|--------------------|----------|---|
| BP-F0,921<br>Rec'd | 11-12-56 | Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on:                 |
| Filed              | 11-14-56 | Frequency - 1500kc 1390kc<br>Power - 1kw- (DA-D) 500w                                       |
|                    |          | Hours of operation - Daytime  |
|                    |          | Transmitter location - On Hwy #26, one mi N of inters. of Hwys 26 and 74,                   |
|                    |          | Near Shelby, North Carolina Studio location - To be determined. Shelby, North Carolina      |
|                    |          | Engr John H. Mullaney   |
| AMENDMENT          |          | AMENDED to change applicant name to Eugene  |
| Rec'd              | 1-28-57  | Slatkin and Boyce J. Hanna, d/b as Claveland  |
| Filed<br>AMENDMENT | 1-28-57  | County Broadcasting Company. New file number. AMENDED to install directional antenna (DA-D) |
| Rec'd<br>Filed     | 10-28-57 | and make changes in ground system.  |

Action lature Date GRANTED 2-12-58 without a hearing. Order issued. DOCKET No. 12099 Conditions: hase Monitor; Field easuring Equipment; omplete non-DA proof performance.

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Letters ..... X A.D.A.

Name Cleveland County Broadcasting Company

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Action File No. Dated Application for Nature Date Cont'd BP-11,062 Amended 11-19-57 Amended to chage frequency to 1590ke, to see card #1 for Rec'd 11-20-57 1390kc; decrease power from 1kw to 500w; action Filed 11-21-57 and make changes in antenna system (increase height of towers). John Mullaney, Eng. Harry J. Daly, Atty. Modification of construction permit 5-22-58 MP-8146 GRANTED 5-28-58 (SP-11,062 which authorized a new standard 5-23-53 Rec 'd broadcast station) to change type transmitter 5-23-58 Filed to (RCA BTA-500MX) and specify studio location as same as transmitter. GRANTED 6-26-58 License to cover CP (BP-11, 062 as mod) BL-7161 8-27-58 which authorized a new standard broadcast 8-27-58 Recd station. 6-27-58 Filed P.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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#### APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name X EUGENE SLATKIN AND BOYCE J. HANNA, d/b as

| File No<br>BAL-3202<br>Rec'd.<br>Filed | Dated<br>9-26-58<br>10-7-58<br>10-7-58 | Voluntary assignment of license to Cleveland County Broadcasting Co., Inc.  Harry J. Daly, Atty.                      | Nature   | Date<br>11-12-58<br>12-1-58  |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| BP-13,53<br>Rec'd<br>Filed             | 9-18-59<br>9-21-59<br>9-21-59          | Construction Permit to change from employing Directional antenna system(DA-D) to Non-directional  Engr Lynne C. Smeby | Cond i I resistano with Sec. Sub. processor detune ional pat | 3-15-61<br>e sub. entenna<br>e meas. in accor<br>3.54 of Kules.<br>f unused ant.<br>been dismantled<br>d so canidirect-<br>tern is not |
| RR-3669                                | 9-2-60                                 | Renewal of license  | GRANTED  | 1-18-61  |
| BL-858;<br>R. & F.                     |  |   | esponsiti<br>etuning u                                       | shall assume<br>lity of<br>n-used adj.towe<br>distortion re  |

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CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

Name Action Application for Nature File No. Date Dated CP to change hours of operation from Daytime GRANTED 12-16-61 2-27-64 BP-15,269 Cond'I re! Phase Mon., to Unlimited using power of 500w-lkw LS: 12-19-61 Rec'd change antenna-transmitter location from ield meas, equip., DA & 12-19-61 Filed State Hwy. 226, 0.3 mi. north of intersection complete non-DA proof. with Ora Mill Road, Shelby, North Carolina Pre-sunrise operation, to 2 miles north of business area of Shelby, North Carolina; install directional antenna system (DA-N) and install new transmitter (RCA-BTA-1000YX)-Atty. Daly & Ehrig Eng. Pete Johnson AMENDED to change studio location from State AMENDMENT Hwy 226, 0.3 mi N of inters, with Ora Mill Rd. R&F Shelby, N.C. to "2 miles north of business area of Shelby, N.C. "(same as transmitter); correct transmitter number to RCA BTA 1MX) F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Name CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.
Shelby, North Carolina

| File No.              | Dated             | Application for   | Nature   | 10n<br>Date |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--|-------------|
| BR-3669<br>R. & F.    | 8-31-63<br>9-3-63 | Renewal of license.   | GRANTED  | 11-29-63    |
| BMP-11,293<br>R. & F. | 6-9-64            | Mod. of CP (BP-15,269, which auth. change hours of operation to unlimited, increase daytime power, change ant-trans. and studio loc., install DA-N and new trans.) to change ante-trans. loc. from 2 mi. N of business area of Shelby, N. C. to 2.5 mi. N of business area of Shelby, N. C. | Cond'l re<br>Field mea<br>complete<br>pattern de |             |
|                       |                   | F. G. G WASHINSTON, D. G.   |  |             |

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Name CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CQ.INC.

Shelby, North Carolina Action Application for Nature Date File No. Dated Mod. of C.P. (BP-15,269, as mod., which auth. GRANTED 12-9-64 10-20-64 BMP-11,370 10-21-64 change power, hours operation, antenna-trans. to 4-27-65 R. & F. & studio loc., install new trans. and DA-N) for extension of completion date from 11-27-64 to 4-27-65. Daly and Joyce, Attys. Mod. of C.P. (BP-I5, 269, as mod. which auth.chaggmanTED -5=13-65-2-25-55 BMP-11,473 "Cond'l re: Phase Mon., hrs.opr.power,ant.-trans.& studio loc.,instal 3-4-65 R&F Field meas. equip., new trans. and DA-N) to change antenna-trans DA & complete non-DA location to 2.5 mi. North of Shelby Business (short move on Area, Shelby, North Carolina; proof. same site) Pre-sunrise operation. Attys: Daly and Joyce Pattern does not exceed 126mv/m

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

| File No.                      | Dated                         | Application for  | Act<br>Nature | Date                        |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| BMP-<br>Rec'd.                | 5-31-65 6-2-65                | Mod. of C.P. (BP-15,269,as mod.which auth.chm<br>hrs.opr.,power,anttrans.& studio loc.,instal<br>DA-N and new trans.,chng.ant-trans.loc.(short<br>move same site) for extension of completion<br>date from 8-27-65 to 11-15-65.  | 1 unnece      | D 6-7-65 as<br>sary at this |
| BMP-11,603<br>Rec'd.<br>Filed | 8-17-65<br>8-20-65<br>8-39-65 | Atty: Daly & Joyce.  Mod. of C.P. (BP-15,269,as mod.which auth.chng. hrs.opr.to U,using power of 500w-1kw-LS,chng. anttrans. & studioloc.,install DA-N,and new trans.;chagambastansasionasishosasissasis skins) for extension of completion date from 8-27-65 to 12-15-65. | GRAMME        | 10-1-25                     |
|                               |                               | P. C. G WASHINSTON, D. G.  |               |                             |

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Name CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.
Shelby, North Carolina

| File No.               | Dated           | Application for   | Nature Nature | Date               |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|--------------------|
| BMP-11,714 REC'B FILED | -               | Modification of CP(BP-15,269, as modified, which authorized change hours operation to U, using power of 500w-1kw-LS, change ant-trans & studio location, install DA-N, and new trans) for extension of completion date from 2-27-66 to 4-30-66.             | GRANTED       | 3-15-66 4-30-66    |
| BMP-11,769<br>R & F    | 4-19-66 4-27-66 | Modification of CP(BP-15,269, as modified, whi<br>authorized change hours operation to U, using<br>power of 500w-1kw-LS, change ant-trans & stude<br>location, install DA-N, and new trans) for<br>expension of completion date from 4-30-66<br>to 6-30-66. | GRANTED       | 5-18-66<br>6-30-66 |
| BEP-11,820<br>R&F      | 6-17-66 6-20-66 | Modification of CP(BP-15,269, as modified, which authorized change hours operation to U, using power of 500w-1kw-LS, change ant-trans & studio location, install BA-N, and new trans) for extension of completion date from 6-30-66 to 9-30-66.             | GRANTED       | 6-30-66 9-30-66    |

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Name CLEVELAND COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.

| SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA                                  |  |   |                |          |  |
|---|--|---|----------------|----------|--|
| File No.  | Dated                                    | Application for Natur   |                | e Date   |  |
| BR-3669<br>R & F  | 8-15-66<br>8-29-66                       | Renewal of license  | GRANTED        | 11-18-66 |  |
| BL-11,457 Rec'd Filed                                   | 9/12/66<br>9/16/66<br>9/26/66            | Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,269 as mod.) which Auth. chng. hours of operation, chng. ant-translated foc., install directional antsystem, install new trans.  Engr: Pete Johnson, Charleston, West Va. | GRANTED<br>ns. | 3-23-67  |  |
| BR-3669<br>R & F<br>#537909 \$75<br>P.N. filed<br>PRESS | 8-15-69<br>8-25-69<br>8-25-69<br>8-25-69 | Renewal of license<br>AMENDED 10-27-69 re: Business interests<br>& programming  | GRANTED        | 6-19-70  |  |
|   |  | P. C. C WASHINSTON, D. C.   |                |          |  |

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| File No.  HR-3669 R & F PN PRESS SEP | Dated<br>8-15-72<br>8-28-72<br>8-28-72 | Application for  Renewal of License  AMENDED 10-27-72 re: engineering data  AMENDED 12-4-72 re: programming  (over) | Nature<br>GRANTED   |                        |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| LETTER                               | 10-9-74                                | John L. Tierney (Atty.) is now with the firm of Greeley, Bernard, & Tierney   |                     |                        |
| Z-8955<br>& F<br>M<br>PRESSNOV 2 0   | 9-4-74<br>9-30-74<br>11-6-75<br>1875   | Direct Measurement  | GRANTED<br>issued w | 12-16-75<br>th RENEWAL |
| BR 780725UF<br>R & F<br>PRESS        | 7-17-78<br>7-25-78<br>SEP 1 1978       | RENEWAL OF LICENSE  | GRANTED             | 11-20-81               |
|                                      |  | F. C. C WASHINGTON, D. C.   |                     |                        |

(BR-3669) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed 7-30-75 as an amendment to pending renewal. PN 7-30-75 SEP 18 1875 AMENDED 10-14-75 re: EEO

#### **About the History Cards ...**

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional h andwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

